(iii) Banana suckers should be clearned before planting and dipped in 0.5% monocrotophos solution for 30 minutes to kill eggs and larvae of the insect.

(iv) Application of phorate @ 20 gram or Carbofuran @ 40 gram per plant once at the time of planting and second application four months after the planting.

(v) For trapping, old banana pseudostems are cut longitudenally into two halves and each half is placed face down between the plants. The adult weevil gathers under the piece of steam which are to be collected and destroyed.

Subsidy in Agriculture Sector

1104. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount of subsidy on account of water, fertilizers etc. being enjoyed by the agricultural sector during the last three years; item wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): A statement giving details of subsidies on fertilizers, electricity and irrigation to the agriculture sector during the last three years is enclosed.

Statement

Details of Subsidies to Agriculture Sector

(Rs. Crores)

Item		1994-95 (Actuals)	1995-96 (Actuals)	1996-97 (R.E.)
Subsidy to agriculture sector through inputs				
1.	Fertiliser (Total)	5769	6735	7767
1.1	Indigenous fertiliser	4075	4300	4743
1.2	Imported fertiliser	1166	1935	1350
1.3	Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concession to farmers	528	500	1674
2.	Electricity**	2423	N.A.	N.A.
3.	Irrigation***	6685	7523+	N.A.

NOTE: NA Not Available

** Electricity includes all subsidies to electricity Boards and Corporations. Separate estimate of electricity subsidy accountable exclusively to agricultural sector is not available.

*** The rates for supply of water to farmers are kept low as a matter of policy, resulting in losses to the Government Irrigation System. The excess of operating costs over the gross revenue is treated as imputed irrigation subsidy.

\+ Quick estimates.

Proposal for Farm Sector

1105. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the proposal on farm sector for which the responsibility has been entrusted to Cabinet Secretary for study and finalisation which appeared in the Times of India dated 19th October, 1997?